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SUBJECT: NEW GOP INTERIOR SECRETARY DISCUSSES NARCOTICS

SUMMARY: VISIT OF WASHINGTON NARCOTICS TEAM HAS PROVIDED
OPPORTUNITY FOR BROAD RANGING DISCUSSION WITH NEW GOP
SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. MISSION IS VERY
ENCOURAGED THAT NEW SECRETARY WAS WELL BRIEFED ON NARCOTICS,
ADMITTED TO SHORTCOMINGS OF PRESENT PROGRAM, AND STATED
THAT NARCOTICS CARRIES A VERY HIGH PRIORITY IN HIS
MINISTRY WITH THE MANDATE COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE
PRIME MINISTER. END SUMMARY

1. ON APRIL 28 THE CHARGE, RON NICHOLSON OF S/NM, AND
EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER PAID A COURTESY CALL
ON THE NEW SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, M.A. K.
CHOUDHURY. WE WERE ENCOURAGED EVEN IN RECEIVING APPOINT-
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MENT AS CHAUDHURY IS TOP LAW AND ORDER OFFICIAL OF GOP
AND FULLY OCCUPIED WITH CURRENT POLITICAL INSTABILITY.
IN ADDITION TO HIS SECRETARY ROLE, CHOUDHURY HAS RETAINED
HIS FORMER POSITION AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL
INVESTIGATION AGENCY. THE MEETING, LASTING SLIGHTLY
OVER ONE HOUR, CONSISTED OF VERY FRANK AND INFORMED
DISCUSSION.

3. NICHOLSON DESCRIBED THE U.S. SITUATION AND CONCERNS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON INCREASED WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST AND ON THE NEW POTENTIAL ILLICIT MARKET FOR PAKISTAN AS A RESULT OF SUCCESSES IN THE MEXICAN ERADICATION PROGRAM. A COPY OF WIRELESS FILE EXCERPTS FROM DR. BOURNE'S BANGKOK SPEECH WAS LEFT WITH THE SECRETARY. THE CHARGE DESCRIBED U.S. NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN, THE CURRENT JOINT EVALUATION EXERCISE, AND PROPOSALS FOR NEW PROGRAMS.

4. THE SECRETARY WAS OBVIOUSLY MUCH MORE KNOWLEDGABLE AND INTERESTED IN NARCOTICS AFFAIRS THAN HIS PREDECESSOR. IN SPITE OF HIS CONCENTRATION ON LAW AND ORDER, HE SAID HE HAD HAD THREE MEETINGS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF PNCB AND HAD INFORMED THE LATTER THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE A TRIP TO THE UN PROJECT IN BUNEER AS SOON AS THE CURRENT TROUBLES WERE OVER. HE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK KNOWLEDGABLY ON INCOME SUBSTITUTION WITH THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISIONS. HE TWICE SAID THAT, "WE MAY NOT BE VERY EFFICIENT AND WE MAY BE SLOW BUT WE ARE HONEST AND FULLY INTEND TO ERADICATE THIS SCOURGE." CHOUDHURY SAID THAT HE HAD SEVERAL DOCUMENTS IN HIS FILES WITH PERSONAL NOTES ON THEM FROM THE PRIME MINISTER. CHOUDHURY POINTED TO THUUPM'S DIRECTION OF THE RAID ON THE LABORATORY IN THE TRIBAL AREAS LAST YEAR AS EVIDENCE OF HIS SUPPORT. CHOUDHURY SAID THAT THE RAID WAS ILLEGAL, HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT OVER STRONG OBJECTIONS OF PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES, AND HAD RESULTED IN SOME REPERCUSSIONS BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"NOTHING WE COULDN'T HANDLE."

5. THE CHARGE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NARCOTICS LEGISLATION. CHOUDHURY SAID THAT THE DRAFT WAS COMPLETE AND NEEDED ONLY TO BE TABLED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE WAS CERTAIN IT WOULD PASS BUT WOULD HAZARD NO RPT NO GUESS AS TO WHEN. IN THIS REGARD HE SAID THAT HE HAD OFFERED THE COVER OF THE BROAD AUTHORITY OF THE FIA TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PNCB OMDANY OCCASION WHEN THE LATTER FELT HE HAD INSUFFICIENT LEGAL AUTHORITY TO MOVE.

6. COMMENT: THIS MEETING WAS VERY ENCOURAGING TO U.S. PARTICIPANTS. THE PNCB CHAIRMAN HAS OFTEN COMPLAINED OF RED TAPE IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, OF HIS LACK OF AUTHORITY TO MOVE IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND HAS HINTED AT LACK OF SUPPORT. CHOUDHURY INDICATED AN INTENTION TO ELIMINATE RED TAPE, TO SUPPORT FULLY THE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT AND A COVER OF BROAD LEGAL AUTHORITY. IF THE POLITICAL SITUATION CLEARS, WE MAY SEE SOME

ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT ON NARCOTICS CONTROL. ON THE OTHER HAND, EVEN IF CHOUDHURY'S ACTIONS MATCH HIS WORDS, THE PNCB STILL MUST ESTABLISH ITSELF AS A CREDIBLE AGENCY WITH OTHER FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICY AGENCIES AND MUST CONVINCE ITSELF THAT IT HAS THE MANDATE AND SUPPORT FOR APPROPRIATE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY COULD USE TEN COPIES EACH OF DR. BOURNE'S BANGKOK SPEECH AND DAVID ERNST'S RECENT TESTIMONY ON THE HILL. WIRELESS FILE COVERAGE WAS GARBLED AND PARTIAL. PLEASE POUCH.
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